

# Carranza Betrayed, Assassinated by His Own Troops; Gen. Obregon Wires Latest Details to The Tribune

## Wilson for Recognition Of Ireland

Colby Tells Senate President Will Not Oppose Passage of Resolution Declaring for Republic

Republicans Charge Trick to Win Votes

Shift in Policy Declared To Be Designed to Get Irish Back Into Party

By Carter Field

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Wilson told Secretary of State Colby he has no objection to Congress passing a resolution calling on him to recognize the independence of Ireland. Mr. Colby so informed Democratic members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in conversation to-day, after writing a very carefully worded letter on the subject to Chairman Porter of the committee.

Although they have watched with political satisfaction the recent efforts of President Wilson and the Administration generally to placate the Irish voters, many of whom virtually walked out of the Democratic party on the peace treaty issue, Democrats in the House were surprised to learn the President and Secretary of State were not opposed to the Irish resolution.

It seems hardly proper for me to attempt to guide the action of your committee by an expression of opinion on legislation which is at this stage.

Refuses to Advise Committee

"I am certain that I should not venture to do so or to influence you, either in my reply to your letter or by personal appearance before your committee. I am sure that you will be able to accept your invitation to the meeting of your committee. The department is in receipt of important dispatches which require my instant attention, and I am fully obliged to ask the indulgence of your committee in not attending much pleasure to do."

"I may say this, however, in my reply to your inquiry of a day or two ago, that there are no facts in connection with the foreign relations which should deter your committee from any action which is dictated by good judgment and which it may feel conscientiously impelled to take."

Mr. Colby, in personal conversation with a Democratic member of the committee, said he had talked over the situation with the President; that Mr. Wilson was thoroughly informed as to what was going on and that the President had no objection to Congress passing the resolution.

Play for Irish Vote Charged

Most surprising of all to the Democrats and such Republicans as were told of the President's attitude, the President is cognizant also of the storm of feeling which has been aroused in Ireland against this country as a result of the making public of his cable to Admiral Sims, criticizing the British navy. Republicans in Congress have charged from the day this telegram and the President's speech on the Irish question were made public that Mr. Wilson was deliberately seeking the Irish vote, regardless of the price paid for it in loss of friendly relations with the British people.

Failure to oppose this resolution is a complete change of front by the Administration on the Irish question. The Republican Senate was condemned vigorously a year ago for adopting a resolution of sympathy for Ireland and requesting the President to see that representatives of Ireland were accorded a hearing by the peace conference.

That the great bulk of Irish sympathizers against the President and his party.

Irish Defection Alarms Democrats

Democratic leaders months ago began to be alarmed at the big drift of Irish to the Republican party. They began laying the ground work to get back the lost votes. Their first move was to present a reservation to the league of nations in the closing days of the treaty last March. The reservation renewed the expression of sympathy to Ireland, expressed the hope that the principle of self-determination would apply as to that country and that once it was granted freedom it would be admitted to the league of nations. Although Administration Senators supported the resolution it was thought at that time that President Wilson would not make a reservation direct affront to England.

That a studied effort was being made by the Administration to win back the

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## Solving the Housing Problem

THE first real attack on the housing problem, with its accompanying evil of high rents, was launched last week when the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, through Walter Stabler, its controller, advanced \$1,150,000 to the Rickert-Brown Realty Company, with which to erect two hundred dwellings in the Astoria section of Long Island City.

This loan is the first of a series which Mr. Stabler will make to builders of small dwellings and low-priced apartments in outlying sections, in accordance with a plan prepared by The Tribune and accepted by the Metropolitan Life.

The loans are for fifteen years, and it is the promise of the Metropolitan to put not less than \$20,000,000 into low-priced housing for New Yorkers this year, with equal amounts to be made available yearly as long as necessary.

Details of the Metropolitan's plan will be found on

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## Wilson Insists Anthracite Men Stay at Work

Letter to Operators and Miners Says There Must Not Be Strike During This Critical Period

Suggests Arbitration

Ready to Name Commission as Soon as Both Sides Accept Authority

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Anthracite operators and miners were warned to-day by President Wilson there must be no strike in the anthracite coal fields during this critical period in the readjustment of the country.

Writing to members of the Joint Scale Committee, which has been conducting negotiations for two months, the President said that if they should be unable to reach an agreement he would insist that the questions in dispute be submitted to the determination of a commission, to be appointed by him, and that work be continued in the mines pending the decision of the commission. He added that the award to be made would be retroactive to April 1, the date of the expiration of the old agreement between operators and miners.

The President said he would hold himself in readiness to appoint a commission "similarly constituted to the one which I recently appointed in connection with the bituminous mining industry as soon as I learn that both sides have signified their willingness to continue to work and abide by its decision."

No Strike, Says Labor Head

In making public the President's letter, Secretary Wilson, who has been in conference with the wage scale committee at the Department of Labor for the last two weeks, said he was confident that when the committee reconvened Thursday it "will either reach a mutual agreement or the question in dispute will be submitted to a commission, as suggested by the President."

"There will be no strike in the anthracite coal fields," he said. The Secretary added that representatives of the miners would present the President's letter to their convention at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Monday.

The President's letter follows:

"I have watched with more than passing interest your efforts to negotiate a new wage scale for the anthracite coal fields. The arrangement to be made, pending the adoption of a new agreement, which you entered into when the previous wage scale was about to expire, was highly commendable and filled us all with hope that a new contract would be mutually worked out and the supply of anthracite coal continued without interruption. I sincerely trust that the hope will be fully realized."

"I have, however, been advised that there is a possibility you may not come to an agreement. I am sure that the President and I are sure of the fact that the adoption of a new agreement, which you entered into when the previous wage scale was about to expire, was highly commendable and filled us all with hope that a new contract would be mutually worked out and the supply of anthracite coal continued without interruption. I sincerely trust that the hope will be fully realized."

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## Johnson Leads Wood in Close Race in Oregon

Senator Has a Margin of 529 in Returns From Less Than Half the State; Hoover Polls Big Vote

Lowden Next With 8,341

Hoover Registers 6,508; Chamberlain Is Ahead for Democratic Senator

PORTLAND, Ore., May 22.—Senator Hiram W. Johnson was leading Major General Leonard Wood by 569 votes at 9 o'clock to-night, with somewhat less than half the precincts of the state heard from, according to returns from yesterday's Presidential preference primary compiled by "The Portland Oregonian" and "The Portland Telegram."

The vote at that hour stood: Johnson, 23,117; Wood, 22,548; Lowden, 8,410; Hoover, 7,913.

In the Democratic Senatorial contest, United States Senator George F. Chamberlain was leading Harvey C. Starkweather by 1,737 votes. This count was from nineteen counties. In the contest for the Republican nomination for United States Senator R. N. Stanfield had a majority over Albert Abraham.

Representative C. N. McArthur had a substantial lead over each of his opponents in the race for the Republican Congressional nomination in the Third District. Representative W. C. Lawler in the First District was nominated without opposition. In the Second District Representative N. U. Sinnott led his opponent, the Rev. Owen Jones.

Ernest Pohl Lavejoy, candidate for the Democratic Congressional nomination in the Third District, was leading her opponent, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, by 213 votes, based on compilation of 101 precincts.

Truculent Cat Routs

Whole Goldstein Family Chaws Mamma, Gustave Grandp, Springs at Claws, Battles to Death With Policeman

Only the timely arrival of the police prevented a black cat of large physique and truculent disposition from licking the whole Goldstein family to a standstill last night. The creature, named unbidden into the flat at 165 Glenmore Avenue, Brooklyn, and was chased by the Goldsteins out into the hall. Emboldened by their cat's example, the Goldsteins took up the chase, whereupon the intruder, after making noises like a combination steam kettle and coffee mill, turned around and went to war.

He made a pass at Gustave Goldstein, who ducked, and then attacked Mamma Goldstein, tearing her dress and scratching her. Grandpa Goldstein was being badly clawed when Patrolman William Cordes came rushing in looking for trouble. He attacked the animal and had to shoot it five times before it gave up. The Goldsteins then were taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

Brazil Lifts Ban on

Exportation of Sugar

100,000 Tons Released as Growers Have Surplus Stock

BUENOS AIRES, May 22.—The ban on the exportation of sugar has been lifted for ninety days and with a limit of 100,000 tons by a decree issued by President Frigey. To prevent an undue advance in the domestic price through lifting of the ban the decree fixes the maximum price at the equivalent of eleven cents, gold, per pound. If this price is reached exportation must immediately cease.

The present decree is understood to have resulted from a petition of the Tucuman sugar growers, who have surplus stocks.

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## Nation - Wide Freight Jam Seems Broken

Roads in All Parts of the Country Begin Process of Untangling Under Pressure of I. C. C.

4,000 Cars Moved In New York Port

Traffic Conditions Not Expected to Become Normal for Many Weeks

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The edge apparently has been broken off the nationwide freight jam through joint efforts of the railroads, the Interstate Commerce Commission and shippers. Advice to-night from the principal congested sections showed a slight and continued decline in the number of loaded cars awaiting movement, while reports to the American Railroad Association indicated a general public awakening to the need of thorough cooperation if the blockade was to be lifted. This, with drastic steps taken by the government in ordering compliance with the usual routing rules and the swift exchange of equipment was counted on as a "starter."

Despite this more hopeful view of the situation, however, officers of the association and railroad men said the great bulk of freight tied up over the country had suffered only a few dents and that roads were so badly snowed under that it would take weeks, perhaps months, to get back to normal.

Expected action by the Interstate Commerce Commission with respect to suggestions of the roads for warding off a continued offering of all classes of freight was not forthcoming. The commission, it is said, is not disposed to place a country-wide embargo and is opposed to some extent to the use of priorities until it can ascertain the effects of measures already taken.

Railroad officials here announced last night that the freight congestion at the local terminals was being untangled by the shippers and the orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It was stated that the yards in the vicinity of New York were cleared of more than 4,000 cars within the last two days.

The best showing so far is being made by the Pennsylvania Railroad, which reported that it sent out 800 empty box cars and 400 loaded cars yesterday and expects to move 20,000 more in twenty days. In addition, room was made for 1,000 cars of perishables, which arrived at the terminals of this line during the day. The Pennsylvania managers say that proportionate progress was being made on other lines in the port.

Robert L. Parsons, general manager of the Erie Railroad, declared that appreciable benefits of the Federal program would not be felt for some time. The carrying out of the plan of the Interstate Commerce Commission, he said, "will have the effect of moving only essential commodities at first. It will enable the railroads to collect unladen cars from shippers and move them to points where they are needed badly. Under the existing system a concern receiving a shipment has the privilege of holding the cars at its siding for reloading."

Automobile Industry Hit

"Automobile manufacturers will feel the priority regulations the most, as their product will probably be placed at the top of the list of luxuries. They use thousands of specially designed cars which now will be released for more essential cargoes."

In the untangling process going forward in the Jersey yards, 100 cars of fertilizer were found for which Long Island farmers had been waiting for weeks. Many potato crops were planted and had to be moved to other parts of the country before it gave up. The Goldsteins then were taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

More detailed and closer scrutiny of local transportation problems will be required, it was said.

Wilson Armenia's Boundary Arbitrator Council of Ambassadors Gets Official Notice of Decision at Washington

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## Bergdoll Got Freedom by Tale of Gold

Won Furlough by Saying He Had \$150,000 in Maryland Cache; Ansell Indorsed Plea

Seen in Hartford Hotel, Says Woman

Visit to Home, Which Enabled Him to Flee, Violated Leave Terms

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—A tale of buried gold, reading like a romantic novel, was unfolded to-day by the inquiry into the disappearance here yesterday of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire draft dodger and army convict.

The War Department, after negotiations with his counsel, permitted him to leave Fort Jay, Governor's Island, where he was serving a five-year sentence, to go on a motor car trip under guard to seek \$150,000 in gold buried "somewhere in the hills of Maryland, Pennsylvania or West Virginia."

Responsibility for Bergdoll during his furlough from prison rested with D. Clarence Giboney, head of the Law and Order Society and personal counsel for Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, wealthy brewer's widow and mother of the fugitive.

Lawyer To Be Questioned

Giboney, who said to-day he would not shirk responsibility, is expected to be summoned to Washington to undergo examination by War Department officials.

Several arrests on Federal warrants are expected as a result of the escape, which has aroused officials of the War Department and Department of Justice. The only trace of Bergdoll since his escape in a touring car from his mother's home in Wynnefield after he had eluded two soldier guards was reported to-day from Hartford, Conn. A woman employee of a hotel notified police that she had seen a man resembling the fugitive, writing letters in the hotel this morning.

While Giboney to-day refused to disclose the "secret mission," for which Bergdoll was sent, he said that the "secret mission" was the "put of gold" and made public Giboney's correspondence relating to it.

This showed how Giboney enlisted the aid of Lieutenant Colonel S. T. Ansell, former Acting Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, and his law partner, Colonel Edward S. Bailey, to obtain the permit from Ansell, General P. C. Harris.

Colonel Ansell, who left the War Department after a controversy with Secretary of War Baker over the treatment by the army of conscientious objectors, was instructed to write a letter to Giboney to identify him to the guards when they arrived with Bergdoll at North Philadelphia Thursday morning.

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Ansell Obtains Permit

Colonel Ansell took up the proposition with General Harris and the permit was issued. Major Henry J. Hunt, commander of the disciplinary barracks at Fort Jay, was instructed to write a letter to Giboney to identify him to the guards when they arrived with Bergdoll at North Philadelphia Thursday morning.

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Many Hurt in Crash As Car Brakes Fail

Trolleys in Brooklyn Collide After One Runs Away and Hits Auto

The brakes on a Gates Avenue trolley car failed last night as it approached Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, and it was involved in a collision with another automobile driven by Louis Holland, of 905 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, and crashed into the rear of a Nostrand Avenue car.

The Nostrand Avenue car was pushed off the tracks and against the curb. Its rear platform was demolished, as was the forward platform of the Gates Avenue car. Windows in both cars were shattered, and scarcely any of the many passengers escaped injury.

Those most seriously hurt were Fred Archer, of 286 Lexington Avenue, who was injured internally and taken to St. John's Hospital, and William Cod, of 91 Vanderbilt Avenue, whose left wrist was broken; Mrs. Rebecca Holland, of 905 Lafayette Avenue, who was bruised severely; and Florence Le Mien, of 295 Clifton Place, who also had severe bruises.

All except Archer went home after their injuries had been attended to.

## Mexico's Late President and His Slayer



venustiano Carranza, on his favorite horse. The fugitive President of Mexico is officially reported to have been killed. In the insert is General Rodolfo Herrero, who is said to have been leading the forces that slew the deposed executive.

## Price Cutting Ignored by Wholesalers House to Give Bonus Measure Right of Way

Textile and Shoe Jobbers and Manufacturers Fail to Follow Example Set by Retailers Over Nation

Reduction of prices of many commodities by retailers throughout the country has not brought down prices in wholesale and manufacturing circles, according to reports received by The Tribune from textile and shoe producing centers.

It is admitted in some quarters, however, that if the retailers persist in a lower price campaign and both they and their customers buy less merchandise than formerly, production will have an opportunity to catch up with demand and cause price drops in the primary market.

Even such a course, some manufacturers assert, will not prove of lasting benefit unless raw materials decline in price and labor will produce more goods or accept smaller wages for the present quantity of production.

Wholesalers and manufacturers in this city are inclined to lay the burden of high prices on high wages and the disposition of workers in all trades to produce less. In some quarters the closing of plants is considered to be the proper answer to demands for higher wages or shorter working hours.

Raw Materials Watched

Manufacturers are now keenly watching the raw material markets and the temper of the buying public. Evidence of possible softening in prices of raw materials is beginning to be apparent. Some of the lower grades of raw wool, and even a few of the finer qualities, declined last week in the New York market, when Australian and New Zealand wools were auctioned.

Raw silk is approximately 40 per cent lower than in January, and recent declines in prices of raw cotton and leather dropped about 15 per cent. It will be some time, however, before these declines will be reflected in prices of finished articles to the consumer.

The point that most manufacturers consider as all important is that the rapid rise in prices has been checked. Whether an equally rapid decline will ensue depends upon such a multitude of conditions that conservative thinkers hesitate to venture an opinion.

Limit of \$15 on Shoes

Retailers are telling manufacturers that the public is refusing to pay the abnormal prices at which some commodities have risen. At a conference between prominent retailers and manufacturers of shoes at the Union League Club a few days ago, it was said that the retailers told the manufacturers that \$15 was the high water mark at which footwear will flow easily and steadily and that it was up to the manufacturers to produce shoes that will sell below that figure. Some factories are considering using cheaper grades of leather to meet the demand for lower-priced shoes.

The first widely announced price reduction in men's clothing at wholesale yesterday, according to the "Daily News Record," from the Baltimore firm of Strouse & Bros., in an approximate 10 per cent cut on its fall lines to retailers. Smaller manufacturers in New York and Rochester are understood to have reduced prices on spring and summer clothing because of an overproduction resulting from cancellations on late deliveries.

Reports from textile and shoe producers on price cutting.

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## 56 in Escort Of Fugitive Also Killed

Cabrera Brothers and Murguia Among Those Slain at Tlaxcalantongo on Order of Herrero

General Assaults Cowardly Traitors

In Message to Survivors, He Charges They Have Dishonored Republic

By General Alvaro Obregon

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MEXICO CITY, May 22.—A telegram was received at general headquarters here at 10 o'clock last night confirming the death of Venustiano Carranza and six of his companions, together with fifty other persons. The full details of the incident are not known here at this moment.

The principal facts are that Carranza was killed at Tlaxcalantongo in an attack led by General Rodolfo Herrero, a former federal officer belonging to the forces of General Mariel, who accompanied Carranza in his flight from the capital.

We have appointed a committee, made up of two high military officers and two prominent attorneys, who will go immediately to the place where Carranza was killed and will report in detail.

The body of Señor Carranza will arrive in this city at 7 o'clock to-night and will be delivered to the former President's family, in accordance with their wishes.

On several occasions every kind of guarantee and consideration was offered Señor Carranza to induce him to withdraw from the belligerent zone, but he refused to accept the propositions.

MEXICO CITY, May 22 (By The Associated Press).—Venustiano Carranza, fugitive President of Mexico, has been killed by some of his own troops. Six of his companions, who fled with him May 6 and took refuge with their leader in the mountains of Puebla, also are reported to have been slain.

There is still uncertainty regarding the names of Carranza's companions who were killed. It is believed, however, that they were General Francisco Murguia, General Francisco Urquiza, Under Secretary of War and Marine; Luis Cabrera, Secretary of the Treasury, and his brother, Alfonso Cabrera, Governor of Puebla; Manuel Aguirre Berlanga, Secretary of the Interior, and General Pilar Sanchez.

Killed Thursday

The headquarters here of General Alvaro Obregon announced Carranza was killed at 1 o'clock Thursday morning at Tlaxcalantongo by troops led by General Rodolfo Herrero, who formerly belonged to forces commanded by General Francisco de P. Mariel. Mariel accompanied Carranza in his flight, but last week deserted and joined the revolutionists.

Reports received here early this morning say General Juan Barragan, chief of the Presidential staff; Ygnacio Bonillas, former Mexican Ambassador at Washington; General Marciano Gonzales and General Federico Montes, who accompanied Carranza in his flight from San Andres, are safe.

Take Body to Capital

A train was sent to Beristain, the nearest railway station to the scene of the slaying, to take the bodies of the slain President and others of his party who were killed to the capital.

The body of Carranza is due to arrive in Mexico City this evening. The six other victims have been buried at the scene of the battle.

Permission has been granted relatives of the late President for private interment. Among the relatives are his daughter, Julia, and Virginia, wife of General Canido Aguilar.

After a conference with Generals Obregon and Pablo Gonzales, a commission was named to proceed to the scene of Carranza's death to investigate and report. A General Obregon appointed Attorney Roque Estrada.